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THE GENTLEMAN FROM NELSON

He has many friends and he has some few enemies; some cheer him and some fear him. But, we believe most will agree that Robert Whitehead, Delegate from Nelson, is one of the ablest men in Old Dominion public life. Whitehead is a serious debater. He is in the lists and the figure to back his argument. Few have dared to challenge him in debate; when they do they usually come off second best. In the Assembly, the only way his opponents can down him is to let him win the debate and then pour on the pressure to outvote him.

WE HAVE SAID IT ALL ALONG

This newspaper has repeated over and over again that the Democratic party needs both liberals and conservatives; that the party needs both the Harry Byrd's and the Harry Truman's. Now we note that the editor of the Asheville, N. C. newspaper, in a national address last week, advanced the same theme. We are glad to be so ably supported. We can do better by going down the middle of the road. Let's bad business to drive on either shoulder.

FUTURE FOR CHINA

It seems to us that the Chinese leader now in this country makes sense when he states that the future of China is with neither Kai Shek and his Nationalists or with the Communists. He predicts that a new China will arise under leadership not yet formed.

He cites sound reasons why the Communist regime may be of short existence. Communism is contrary to the ancient ethical and religious beliefs of the Chinese people. The Chinese revere family life and humans as individuals rather than as units in a total state. Again, it is not likely that Communism can or will solve the problem of food and distribution in China. In time, the same conditions which caused the people to reject Kai Shek, will cause them to reject Communism. And the sheer depth of the human mass of China, makes control by force impossible. Kai Shek did little for the masses save bring suffering and war and hunger. The desperate people became willing to try anything, even Communism, to get a "new deal." But, eventually, maybe in years, or maybe in decades, they will reject Communism; and here will be a wave of democracy to sweep over Asia.

ALLIANCES AND SWAPS

The alliance of the Republican party with Southern Democrats in the Senate and House, could mean the end of any chance the Republicans might have of regaining power. They are now, by means of this alliance, controlling the legislative branch of the government, and may win a House majority in November, but the alliance could spell out the death of chances to win the presidential election in 1952 or thereafter. Why? Because it means that the Republicans are swapping control of the administrative for control of the legislative. The alliance means the party is sacrificing hopes of being able to carry the big industrial and farm states. True, a block of Southern states may be shifted to the Republican nominee in 1952, and the block could include Virginia and up to 100 electoral votes. But the you can't have your cake and eat it too. Truman won in 1948 without New York and without four Southern states. In 1952, the Democrats may lose eight or more Southern states, but will more than make up for that in New York and other industrial and farm areas.

Democrats may decide to reduce excise taxes and not ask for new tax increases.

"STROMBOLI"
"RED SHOES"
"PINKEY"

The American people do have a reservoir of common sense. A case at hand is the reception given to the movie, "Stromboli."

In some places there were movements to ban the showing of the picture on grounds concerning its star and director. Distributors, in turn, sought to ballyhoo it as offering of raging passion!

The verdict of the critics and of the movie-going public is that the picture is a flop. In Richmond, Va., it was booked for a week's showing but was withdrawn after three days.

The American public knows what to do about any inferior product. In sharp contrast, is the picture "Red Shoes." Here is a foreign pic-

ture, made on a comparatively small budget and without "name stars." Yet "Red Shoes" is now in its third week in New York, with tickets at \$2.40. Its sheer artistry is winning favor with intelligent audiences.

All this is a mirror showing some fine public taste. Strictly in between the pictures mentioned above is "Pinkey." It concerns a theme generally treated as taboo. The acting is above average, and the theme is treated realistically. Yet, when all that is granted, the question remains: should the picture have been made?

The public seems to be giving this one a "middle of the road" reception.

New cabinet is organized on Formosa.

Auditors begin study of RFC loan policies.

President Truman on vacation in Key West.
Play safe—drive carefully.
March is Red Cross month.

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WHO-ME?

"Why Should I Help Pay for a Useless Duplicate Electric System?"

THIS YOUNG FELLOW will be twenty-one years old in 1971. Then he will have the right to vote . . . and he will be paying taxes. With the national debt already more than \$225,000,000, he, and others like him, will have the burden of helping to carry and pay off this huge debt. And it's getting bigger all the time.

Right now, the Old Dominion Electric Co-op here in Virginia wants \$14,000,000 more of tax money to build a power generating station and transmission lines . . . construction which is not only unnecessary but which would be a **wasteful duplication of existing lines.**

It's Tax Money

Every million dollars the Government takes from us as individuals means a

million less we have to spend for ourselves. The Government can get it only from us . . . through taxes.

All governmental services—including the setting up of Electric Co-ops like the proposed Old Dominion—have to be paid for by the people. BUT—Old Dominion wouldn't pay one cent in Federal income or Federal Electric Energy taxes. (During the twelve months ending October 31, 1949, VEPCO paid approximately \$4,700,000 in these Federal taxes—that was 56% of all the taxes it paid.)

The Road Ahead

The proposed Old Dominion Co-op is plainly a substantial step along the road leading to the socialization of the Electric Industry in Virginia. It would

naturally encourage more socialism. This creeping socialism is rapidly becoming galloping socialism.

The Youngster?

He is just one of the 3,715,000 born in the United States each year. It will be 21 years before he will have the right and privilege to vote. By that time he will have to pay his share of this staggering tax burden! Meantime, we should do what we can to hold down these deficits which he didn't create but for which he will have to help pay.

Inherited Government debts—including the unnecessary \$14,000,000 for the Old Dominion Co-op—shouldn't be his birthright.

Not the birthright of your own children.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Williams and son, Edwin, of Farmville, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows.

Miss Virginia Richardson, of Farmville spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. C. L. Tolley has returned to her home near Appomattox, after spending the winter months with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tolley.

The Red Cross drive is under way in "community" with Mrs. Margie Beale and Mrs. Annie Meadows as solicitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Simpson, of Farmville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrison on Sunday.

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